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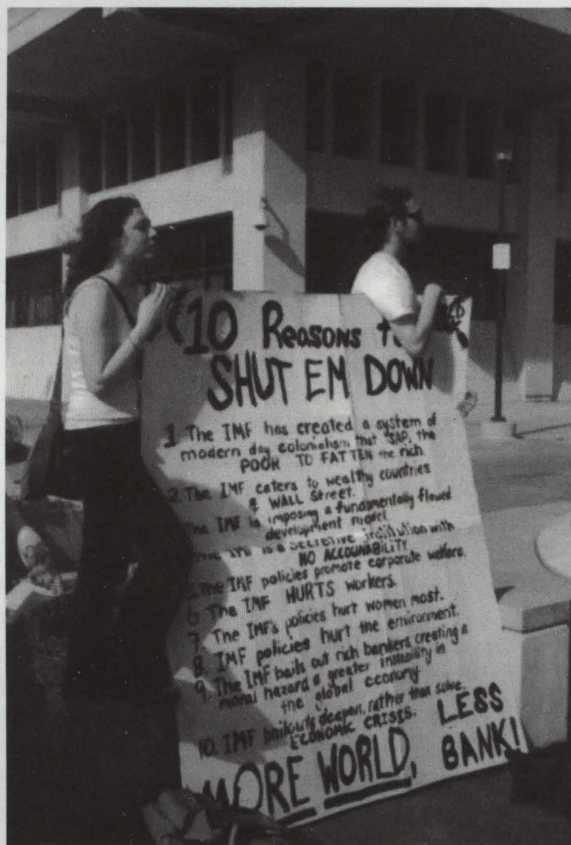
Taking it to the Streets . . . and Beyond

A Retrospective on RESIST Grant-Making in 2000

JORGE ROGACHEVSKY

The year 2000 began with the optimism generated by the energizing spirit of the Seattle anti-WTO demonstrations in November and December 1999. The “Battle in Seattle” brought together an unlikely alliance of environmentalists, anarchists, radical students, and mainstream labor groups, among others. Together they confronted the arrogance of international capital and its definition of globalization. That thousands of people from diverse backgrounds would vehemently challenge the faceless bureaucrats of the New World Order demonstrated that the spirit of protest is not only alive and well, but is developing a growing sophistication about the nature of the crisis facing human society in the current historical moment.

The year 2000 ended with the election that would not end. The days dragged on and on, and the attention of the national and international media focused with unprecedented specificity on the extremely questionable mechanisms by which supposedly democratic determinations are manufactured. This spectacle pulled the curtain on the magicians who concoct legitimacy in this political Land of Oz—from local polling officials to the justices of the Supreme



Members of Nebraskans for Peace rally at the Federal Building in Lincoln Nebraska on April 14, 2000. Photo by Molly Rohlman

Court—and showed them to be a coterie of mediocre and corrupt party hacks. Never before have so few done so much to inadvertently unburden so many of the mystifications of the political process.

The New Decade

If the decade of the 1980s was the era of Ronald Reagan, marked by a resurgent jingoistic nationalism and social Darwinist agenda, and the 1990s was the era of Bill Clinton, which put a kinder and gentler face on a society which could function only as long as it generated increasing and devastating inequalities between the haves and have nots, perhaps the spirit of 2000 will help us usher in a decade when we can claim that it is OUR morning in America and it's good to be a radical.

In the year 2000, RESIST, with the support of thousands of contributors, continued to do its part to help this process along, funding groups around the country doing the day-to-day work of political organizing and education. In 2000, RESIST disbursed almost \$250,000 to local activists and gave away the second-largest grants total in its more than three decades of operation. In total, 135 groups based in 36 states plus the District of Columbia were given \$249,638.30. Sitting on the RESIST Board and reading the applications from organizations throughout the country, one comes to realize how

much creative and inspiring work is taking place, and how important are the contributions of RESIST donors in the effort to support these activities.

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Trends in Giving

In the year 2000, RESIST funded a large number of groups (14) organizing around issues of economic justice. One such example is the Center for Economic Justice in Albuquerque, New Mexico, which sponsors the *Bankrupt the Bank: World Bank Bonds Boycott*, designed to make resistance to World Bank policies a local issue. The Washington Peace Center, in Washington, DC, received a grant to expand its *Economics for the People* campaign, examining the interconnections of global economic policies. These initiatives demonstrate that activists are truly practicing the dictum to think globally and act locally.

RESIST grantees also paid much attention to issues of prisoners' rights, as the United States continued to expand on its prison-industrial complex, creating a massive underclass defined as a structural criminal population. In this area RESIST also supported many groups (14), such as the Santa Fe-based Coalition for Prisoners' Rights, which organizes to challenge the social and economic injustice inherent



RESIST staff expanded in 2000 to include (left to right) Amanda Matos-González, Robin Carton, Jacquie Bishop and Carol Schachet. Photo by Paul Ericco

in the criminal justice system.

Significant attention was also given to

groups organizing for environmental justice (13), labor rights (12), and to counteract the homogeneity of the media (11). In this last category we can also see in a very marked way how local activists continue to make profound connections between the home front and the international context. For example: 1World Communication, based in Amherst, Massachusetts, developed an educational tour called Challenging Globalization from the Grassroots, intended to create alliances between activists in the US and Bolivia.

In Chicago, Illinois, the Guatemala Radio Project provides listeners with alternative news about Guatemala and Latin America; and the Pintig Cultural Group produced a play entitled *Nanny Isog and Her Children*, focusing on the role of multinational corporations in the Philippines.

In Seattle, Washington, the Independent Media Center distributes *This is What Democracy Looks Like*, a 90-minute video about the anti-WTO Seattle demonstrations; and the Seattle Public Theater staged a performance of Justice, Peace and Rec-

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More Money for Grants!

RESIST Announces 50% Increase in Grant Size

Thanks in large part to the political vision and financial commitment of its donors, RESIST's maximum grant award will expand from \$2,000 to \$3,000, effective April 2001. The change in the award also reflects the belief that now is a crucial time to fund radical grassroots organizing for social change.

Although the amount of the grant is bigger, the target remains the same: small grassroots organizations with organizational budgets under \$125,000. For many of RESIST's grantees, whose median budgets are between \$30,000-\$60,000, this larger award will make a significant difference.



RESIST is proud to be able to continue supporting the critical work of our grantees in this way.

To receive grant guidelines, deadline dates and an application, visit RESIST's website or contact the office.

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conciliation, which explored the impact of the Seattle protests on local communities.

Building the Network

One of the characteristics of the year 2000 funding cycle was the level of grassroots network-building taking place around the country. RESIST funded 23 groups engaged in community organizing of this type. These groups included the Boston-based Massachusetts English Plus Coalition, which received \$2,000 for its Bilingual Parents Organizing Project, which aims to train language-minority parents to be effective organizers in securing an adequate education for their children. Sister City Incorporated, a group from Overt, Mississippi, also received \$2,000 to provide advocacy training on issues regarding social inequalities in rural Mississippi.

A few other groups that we funded in this area include: the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement in Brooklyn, New York, which trains community patrols to observe the work of local police; the Utah Progressive Network (UPNet), which will use the funds to staff the Common Voices coalition, working in Salt Lake City to promote anti-racist and immigrant rights organizing; and the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, which publishes the Kentucky Alliance NEWS, and helps to bring together racially diverse communities to oppose racist policies and practices.

Special Awards

The Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression was awarded a Holmes Memorial Fund grant. The Holmes Memorial Fund was established in 1999 to honor the life's work and legacy of Leslie D'Cora Holmes. This fund supports activities and organizations that embody the characteristics, values, and principles that reflect her spirit-filled mission, including: empowerment for communities and individuals; self-determination through education and community organizing; harmonization of diverse communities of interest; actualization and recognition of individual potential; courage of conviction; and pride in culture, community and self.

Another recipient of a Holmes Memorial Fund grant in 2000 was DRUM—Desis Rising Up and Moving, a group from New York City which trains South Asian youth to organize for social justice.

Each year, many RESIST supporters honor their friends, colleagues, family and mentors by making a contribution in their name. As is our custom, Resist acknowledges those individuals so honored in the lists below. RESIST celebrates the spirit and convictions of these individuals, along with many others who remain unnamed but have affected us—personally and as a movement—by their tenacity, humor, love and passion.

In Memory Of

*Bernice Augenbrown
Mitchell Goodman
Suzy Gordon
Milton Gross
Theodore H. Harley
Leslie D'Cora Holmes
Sally Thane Koplín
Irwin "Irv" Pollack
Jane Polley
Freda Freidman Salzman
Ellie Schnitzer
Rudolph von Abele
Maxwell N. Weisman
William Noel Whisner*

In Honor Of

*Deborah Bacharach
& John Palmieri
Hillel Liberman
Fred Pincus & Natalie Soholoff
Carol Schachet
William Singer
Helen Spiegel
Jonah Zern*

In the year 2000, RESIST also issued two grants from the Freda Friedman Salzman Memorial Fund, which "is dedicated to the purpose of supporting organized resistance to the institutions and practices that rob people of their dignity as full human beings. . . (giving) a high priority to the efforts of Native American peoples to resist cultural as well as actual genocide." RESIST awarded a Salzman grant to the Free Burma Coalition, based in Washington, DC, to support the Second International Day of Actions organized to pressure the Suzuki corporation to discontinue its support for the repressive regime in Burma. A second Salzman Memorial Fund grant was given to the Coalición de Derechos Humanos/Arizona Border Rights Project, based in Tucson, Arizona, to organize against the militarization of the US-Mexican border and the vigilante activities of local ranchers.

Inside RESIST

The year 2000 was also a time when RESIST Board members worked together to strengthen the organization and to bring in new energies and perspectives. In October of 1999 the Board held its second retreat. At this gathering we assessed the functioning and composition of the Board, and made a commitment to bring in new

members, with a special goal of diversifying our social composition by incorporating new African-American and Latino(a) members. The Board also decided to hire additional staff in order to further promote our grant-giving activities.

In 2000 Ty dePass joined the RESIST Board. Ty was raised in the Bronx. He has organized around tenant, housing and educational issues in New York City and Boston. He is currently the Assistant Editor of Non Profit Quarterly, a magazine that analyzes public policy for the benefit of non-profit organizations.

RESIST also welcomed Jacquie Bishop and Amanda Matos-González, both as new staff and Board members. Jacquie works full-time in the RESIST office. She is a native New Yorker, where she worked as an HIV/AIDS program manager and freelance writer, and for many years supported a variety of progressive causes. Amanda will work half-time for RESIST, allowing her to attend the University of Massachusetts-Boston to pursue her interests in Latin American Studies and Africana Studies. A former Young Sister for Justice at the Boston Women's Fund, Amanda brings to RESIST experience in grants allocation and leadership development in support of social justice efforts.

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RESIST 2000 Grantees

Following is a comprehensive list of grant recipients from the year 2000 with a brief description of their work. Please note that the categories do not accurately represent the inter-connectedness of issues or vision. A break-down of grantees by region can be found on page seven.

Africa/Asia/International

Burma Project (San Francisco, CA) \$2,000 to pressure US-based oil company UNOCAL to leave Burma.

Filipino/American Coalition for Environmental Solutions (Washington, DC) \$1,000 to bring together activists concerned about US refusal to clean-up contamination created by US military bases in the Philippines.

Free Burma Coalition (Washington, DC) \$2,000 for the Second International Day of Actions against the Suzuki corporation to pressure them to leave Burma. *Salzman Memorial Fund*

Central America/Latin America and the Caribbean

Anti-War Committee of Minneapolis (Minneapolis, MN) \$2,000 to support the Campaign to End US Military Aggression in Colombia.

Brazilian Immigrant Center/Centro de Imigrante Brasileiro (Allston, MA) \$1,000 to support social and economic justice for low-income Brazilian immigrants, focusing on workplace abuses.

CISPES- Bay Area (San Francisco, CA) \$1,900 for a teach-in entitled *Health Care is a Human Right, Let's Up the Global Fight: From Central America to the Bay Area*.

Committee for Health Rights in the Americas (San Francisco, CA) \$2,000 to work for basic health care rights in Central America and California.

Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People (CISCAP) (Eugene, OR) \$2,000 for the newsletter and to conduct a series of educational events con-

^M indicates Multi-Year Award

^E indicates Emergency Grant



Peter Garcia, a San Juan Pueblo elder, participates at Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratory with Peace Action New Mexico. Photo courtesy of Peace Action New Mexico

cerning the elections in Mexico.

Committee on US/Latin American Relations (CUSLAR) (Ithaca, NY) \$2,000 to educate about US military and economic involvement in Latin America and work toward a more just US foreign policy.^M

Promotores de Derechos (Albuquerque, NM) \$2,000 for the *Encuentro Fronterizo Project*, a bi-national coalition working for immigrant rights and justice along the border region of New Mexico and Texas.

Witness for Peace MidAtlantic (Lewes, DE) \$1,800 for staff salary for organization which examines oppressive military and economic forces in Central America and the Caribbean.

Witness for Peace - New England (Richmond, VT) \$1,000 to promote and publicize the tour of an indigenous speaker from Chiapas.

Community Organizing/Anti-Racism

Central City Lutheran Mission (San Bernardino, CA) \$1,000 to print a monthly newspaper run by and for youth.

Coalicion de Derechos Humanos/Arizona Border Rights Project (Tucson, AZ) \$2,000 for program addressing the militarization of the US/Mexican border, particularly the vigilante style actions of ranchers with large land holdings. *Salzman Memorial Fund*

Coalition for the Human Rights of Immigrants (New York, NY) \$2,000 for a march to demand amnesty for undocumented immigrants.

Denver VOICE (Denver, CO) \$1,000 for printing costs for a street newspaper on struggles of the homeless community.

DRUM—Desis Rising Up and Moving (New York, NY) \$2,000 to train South Asian high school and university students to organize for social justice. *Holmes Memorial Fund*

Family Child Care Association of San Francisco (San Francisco, CA) \$1,000 to build support for improving working conditions of child care providers.

Human Dignity Coalition (Bend, OR) \$2,000 for coalition which seeks to address issues of racism, sexism and homophobia in Central Oregon.

Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (Louisville, KY) \$2,000 to publish the *Kentucky Alliance NEWS*, which brings together racially diverse communities to take action against racist policies and practices. *Holmes Memorial Fund*

Korean American Resource and Cultural Center (Chicago, IL) \$2,000 for the Political English component of the Immigrant Rights Project, which views language as a tool for empowerment.

Maine Rural Network (Standish, ME) \$2,000 for coalition building and community organizing on social justice issues in rural Maine.^M

Making Change (Santa Monica, CA) \$1,500 for Cold Weather Shelter Monitoring Project.

Malcolm X Grassroots Movement (Brooklyn, NY) \$2,000 to support central Brooklyn community patrols to observe police interactions with community residents.

Massachusetts English Plus Coalition (Boston, MA) \$2,000 for the Bilingual Parents Organizing Project to train language minority parents to be effective organizers in order to challenge policies that deny equal access to educational

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opportunities.

Men's Rape Prevention Project (Washington, DC) \$2,000 to develop a Speakers Handbook for training professional and peer educators about how to engage young men in efforts to prevent gender-based violence.

Metro Justice (Rochester, NY) \$2,000 to establish an inter-active, shared community calendar as a means to develop a progressive network.

Nebraskans for Peace (Lincoln, NE) \$2,000 for grassroots advocacy organization working nonviolently for peace with justice through community building, education and political action.

New York City AIDS Housing Network (New York, NY) \$300 for a march protesting the denial of emergency housing assistance and benefits to homeless people living with AIDS.^E

Oregon Human Rights Coalition (Portland, OR) \$2,000 for community-based organization which advocates for the rights of low-income people.

Peace and Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas (Wichita, KS) \$1,600 to publish newsletter which focuses on area peace and social justice issues.

Plowshares Peace and Justice Center (Roanoke, VA) \$2,000 for resource center organizing around domestic and international economic and social justice issues.

Sister Spirit Incorporated (Ovett, MS) \$2,000 for program which provides meeting space and advocacy training on ways to address social issues and inequities in rural Mississippi.

Texas Alliance for Human Needs (Austin, TX) \$2,000 for organization representing the interests of low- and moderate-income people in Texas.

Utah Progressive Network (UPNet) (Salt Lake City, UT) \$2,000 to staff the Utah Common Voices coalition which engages in anti-racist and immigrants rights organizing.

Economic Justice

Blue Mountain Biodiversity Project (Fossil, OR) \$2,000 to support printing and distribution of *The Corporate Consensus*—a primer on transnational corporate globalization and governance.

Boston Global Action Network/Working Group on IMF and World Bank (Bos-



Volunteers with Michigan CURE prepare mailing packets (photos above) as part of their Equitable Telephone Charges (eTc) campaign. Photos courtesy of Michigan CURE

ton, MA) \$300 to protest the actions of the IMF and World Bank during the April Actions in Washington, DC.^E

Center for Economic Justice (Albuquerque, NM) \$2,000 to support the *Bankrupt the Bank: World Bank Bonds Boycott* designed to make the World Bank a local issue.

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Connecticut Alliance for Basic Human Needs (Hartford, CT) \$600 for *CABHN Fever*, a monthly newsletter dedicated to keeping low-income residents informed and active on poverty issues.

Contact Center (Cincinnati, OH) \$2,000 for organization that provides leadership training, skill development and power analysis to low-income and moderate-income people.^M

Flinthills Living Wage Coalition (Manhattan, KS) \$2,000 to support organizing for local, county and school-based living wage campaigns.

Mobilization for Global Justice (Washington, DC) \$300 to protest the actions of the IMF and World Bank during the April Actions in Washington, DC.^E

People Escaping Poverty Project (S. Moorhead, MN) \$2,000 for a two-day

retreat for organization that seeks to address the root causes of poverty and build low-income leadership.

Santa Cruz County Coalition for a Living Wage (Santa Cruz, CA) \$2,000 for a Worker Organizing Initiative for living wage ordinances in Watsonville, Santa Cruz and the County of Santa Cruz.

Survivors, Inc. (W. Roxbury, MA) \$2,000 to hire two part-time staff as part of campaign to organize low-income college students at UMASS/Boston.

Union for Radical Political Economics (URPE) (New Haven, CT) \$1,500 to staff the Economy Connection, a speakers and resource bureau that works to de-

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mystify economic issues.

Washington Peace Center (Washington, DC) \$2,000 to expand *Economics for the People* which examines global economic interconnections.

Welfare and Low-Income Support Network, Inc. (Santa Cruz, CA) \$2,000 for the welfare rights project Motivate, Organize, Mobilize (MOM) which works with low-income families and their allies to fight for more realistic and humane welfare reform.

Environmental Justice

Alaska Women's Environmental Network (Anchorage, AK) \$2,000 to create networking opportunities and training programs to promote women's leadership in state conservation efforts.

Boston Rainforest Action Group (Brighton, MA) \$2,000 to fund a campaign to help the U'wa People of Colombia stop Occidental from drilling for oil in their traditional lands.

Boston Rainforest Action Group (Brighton, MA) \$300 to organize two events to protest the destruction of forests in Colombia by US-based petroleum companies in concert with a visit from U'wa tribe members.^E

Cascadia Wildlands Project (Eugene OR) \$1,500 to educate the public about the effects of unsustainable resource extraction in the Pacific Northwest.

Citizens Awareness Network (Shelburne Falls, MA) \$2,000 for environmental organization which focuses on nuclear fuel cycle issues.^M

Citizens Awareness Network-Connecticut (Haddam, CT) \$2,000 for the Paul Revere Tour designed to educate about the sale of local nuclear power plants, marginal safety regulations, and the inherent dangers in the second generation of nuclear power plants.

Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping (Albuquerque, NM) \$2,000 for the *Walk for Safer Solutions* opposing the transportation of nuclear waste through low-income communities.

Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (Merrimac, WI) \$2,000 for organization working on clean up of toxic waste at Badger Army Ammunition Plant and creation of healthy sustainable re-use plans.^M

Gateway Green Alliance (St. Louis, MO)



Activists from Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space (Gainesville, FL) demonstrate in front of the White House. Photo by Aurel Duta

\$2,000 to an organization working to bring attention to the effects of globalization on the environment.^M

Native Forest Network Eastern North America (Burlington, VT) \$2,000 for the Northeast Forestry Practices Campaign & Anti-Globalization/Biotechnology Organizing Work.

Newtown Florist Club, Inc. (Gainesville, GA) \$2,000 to purchase video camera to be used in the Youth Activist Summer Leadership Development Program and to document industrial spills.

Nuclear Free Great Lakes Campaign (Evanston, IL) \$1,000 for the Nuclear Free Great Lakes Camp to recruit and train a new generation of activists while mobilizing around global nuclear power issues.

Water Information Network (Albuquerque, NM) \$2,000 for organizing to stop uranium mining and radioactive waste sites in New Mexico/West Texas.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender

Fed Up Queers (New York, NY) \$1,900 for computer and printer to make materials around issues of relevance to the queer community, and to change public policy.

Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization (New York, NY) \$1,000 to organize civil disobedience trainings to oppose exclusion of gay and lesbian contingents in New York's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Lambda Community Center (Fort Collins,

CO) \$2,000 to educate and empower LGBT communities in northern Colorado and southern Wyoming.

Safe Community and Schools Coalition (Athens, OH) \$2,000 for organization opposing homophobia in local schools and to provide support for gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender youth.

United Students Against DOMA (Defense of Marriage Amendment) (Lincoln, NE) \$300 to educate high school and college students about the effects of the state's defense of marriage constitutional amendment.^E

Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project (Ann Arbor, MI) \$2,000 for organization addressing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues in Washtenaw County.

Wisconsin Research Center, Inc. (Milwaukee, WI) \$2,000 to conduct seminars on the actions of the Religious Right for members of the gay/lesbian/bisexual and transgender community in rural areas of Wisconsin.

Health/AIDS/Disability

Coalition of Montanans Concerned with Disabilities (Missoula, MT) \$2,000 for disability rights organization which works together with other progressive organizations to fight for the rights of marginalized groups.^M

Maine Right to Know (South Gouldsboro,

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ME) \$2,000 for an education and outreach campaign to seek labeling requirements for genetically modified food sold in Maine.

Labor

Alliance for Workers' Rights (Reno, NV) \$2,000 for the *Kiss My Foot Campaign* which opposes the mandatory dress requirement of high heeled shoes as a condition of employment.

Coalition on New Office Technology (CNOT) (Boston, MA) \$2,000 to address workplace rights, particularly related to repetitive strain injuries.

Good Jobs! (Hartford, CT) \$2,000 to train organizers of color to help change the local construction system, to increase local hiring on construction projects and to hold corporations and government accountable.

Hard Hat News (New York, NY) \$2,000 for bi-monthly newsletter which seeks to provide a critical voice for construction workers by exposing racial and gender discrimination in hiring; attack corruption and racketeering; and support democratic unions.^M

Los Angeles County Day Laborer Association (Los Angeles, CA) \$2,000 to purchase computer equipment for an organization that promotes the rights of day laborers.

Miami Workers Center (Miami, FL) \$300 to support two working class women of color to participate in the protests of the IMF/World Bank during the April Actions in Washington, DC.^E

Montana Community Labor Alliance (Missoula, MT) \$2,000 for part-time staff for Montana Workers' Rights Board to fight unfair labor practices.

Nicaragua Solidarity Committee (Chicago, IL) \$2,000 for an outreach program to educate and involve students and suburban communities in anti-sweatshop campaigns.

Support Team International for Textileras (STITCH) (Chicago, IL) \$2,000 to support a direct mail campaign to find new donors and members. *Loan*

Support Team International Textileras (STITCH) (Chicago, IL) \$2,000 for network of US women engaged in cross-border labor organizing for women workers in Central America.^M

Sweatshop Watch (Oakland, CA) \$2,000 to

force retailers and manufacturers to ensure that garment workers are paid fairly and work under decent conditions.

Workers Resource Network (Dorchester, MA) \$2,000 to assist low-wage, immigrant and contingent workers.

Media/Culture

1 World Communication (Amherst, MA) \$1,000 to support *Challenging Globalization from the Grassroots* to build alliance between activists in US and Bolivia.

Activist San Diego (San Diego, CA) \$2,000 for Internet web site and calendar for local social justice activists.

Guatemala Radio Project (Chicago, IL) \$1,100 for project which provides listeners with an alternative to mainstream information on Guatemala and other countries in Latin America.

Independent Media Center (Seattle, WA) \$2,000 for the distribution of *This is What Democracy Looks Like*, a 90-minute video about the World Trade Organization demonstrations in Seattle.

Missouri Pro-Vote (St. Louis, MO) \$2,000 to build the capacity of grassroots organizations to publicize their causes through progressive media outreach.

Organizers' Collaborative (Cambridge, MA) \$2,000 to develop an on-line social change database of creative tactics to facilitate collaboration and movement building.

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Grant Distribution By Category*

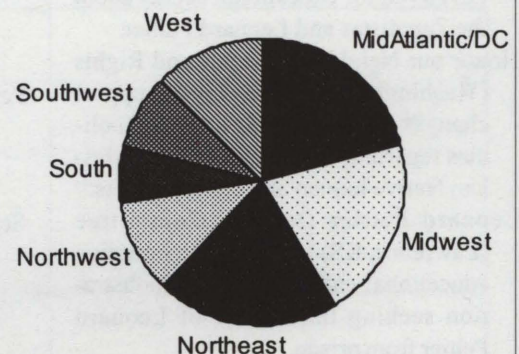
	#	(%)
Community Organizing/	23	(17.0)
Anti-Racism		
Economic Justice	14	(10.4)
Prisoners	14	(10.4)
Environment	13	(9.6)
Labor	12	(8.9)
Media/Culture	11	(8.1)
Central/Latin America	9	(6.7)
& the Caribbean		
Peace/Anti-militarism	8	(5.9)
Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual	7	(5.2)
Transgender		
Women	7	(5.2)
Youth	7	(5.2)
Africa/Asia/International	3	(2.2)
Native American	3	(2.2)
Health/AIDS/Disability	2	(1.5)
Middle East	2	(1.5)

TOTAL 135 (100)

* NOTE: These divisions do not accurately portray the inter-connectedness of many issues. Generally speaking, grants are organized according to the project or campaign rather than the sponsoring group itself. For example, an environmental project sponsored by a labor group would be listed as "Environment" rather than "Labor."

Geographic Grant Distribution in 2000

Region	#	(%)
Midwest	28	(20.7)
(IL, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, SD, WI)		
Northeast	28	(20.7)
(CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)		
Mid-Atlantic	28	(20.7)
(DC, DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA)		
West (CA)	17	(12.6)
Northwest	14	(10.4)
(AK, CO, MT, OR, UT, WA)		
Southwest	11	(8.1)
(AZ, NM, NV, TX)		
South	9	(6.7)
(FL, GA, KY, MS, SC, VA)		
TOTAL	135	(100)



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Pintig Cultural Group (Chicago, IL) \$2,000 for *Nanny Isog and Her Children* which looks at multinational corporations in the Philippines and the tensions their operations create between Muslim and Christian communities.

Progressive Media Alliance (Ithaca, NY) \$1,000 to diversify voices heard on local media and to expand access to media for under-represented voices.

Prometheus Radio Project (Philadelphia, PA) \$2,000 to purchase a spectrum analyzer which will enable Low Power FM (LPFM) radio stations to locate clear spots on the radio band that do not interfere with full power stations.

Seattle Public Theater: Theater of Liberation Program (Seattle, WA) \$2,000 for the performance of *Justice, Peace and Reconciliation* to explore the impact of WTO events on Seattle communities.

Spiral Q Puppet Theater (Philadelphia, PA) \$2,000 for puppetry/public spectacle to build community and civic engagement at demonstrations at the Republican National Convention.

Middle East

Mobilization for Survival - Boston (Cambridge, MA) \$2,000 for the Campaign for the Iraqi People which opposes the sanctions against Iraq.

Rhode Island Committee for Nonviolence Initiatives (Providence, RI) \$2,000 for the *Campaign of Conscience* to challenge non-military sanctions against Iraq by shipping humanitarian and reconstruction aid to Iraq as symbolic resistance.

Native American/Native Peoples

Cincinnati Zapatista Coalition (Cincinnati, OH) \$900 for educational events about the Zapatistas and Leonard Peltier.

Honor our Neighbors Origins and Rights (Washington, DC) \$2,000 to support changes in federal, state and local policies regarding American Indians/Alaskan Native human and cultural rights.^M

Leonard Peltier Defense Committee (Lawrence, KS) \$2,000 for an intensive educational campaign and demonstration seeking the release of Leonard Peltier from prison.

Peace/Anti-Militarism

Alternatives to the Military (Lincoln, NE) \$1,500 to support work in local high schools to counter military recruitment



Nebraskans For Peace protest the "loan shark" policies of the IMF/World Bank. Photo by Molly Rohlman

propaganda.

Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice (Gainesville, FL) \$1,500 for outreach campaign to mobilize opposition to Navy bombing practice in the Ocala National Forest.

Maryland United for Peace and Justice (Bowie, Maryland) \$2,000 to publicize and advertise for conference entitled *Promoting Racial and Ethnic Justice at Home and Abroad*.

New Hampshire Peace Education Fund (Concord, NH) \$2,000 for outreach efforts to increase public awareness of US militarism and economic globalization.

Peace Action New Mexico (Santa Fe, NM) \$2,000 to publish a newsletter which looks at local and national social justice issues and helps readers engage in a variety of direct actions.

Peace Center (State College, PA) \$2,000 for organization which seeks to mobilize people to work for peace and justice on the local and national level.

School of the Americas Watch/NE (Philadelphia, PA) for a series of workshops and distribution of *Solidarity in Action: A Guide to Grassroots Organizing to Close the SOA*.

War Resister's League/Military & Draft Counseling Project (Portland, OR) \$1,400 to strengthen and expand student outreach efforts in area schools challenging military recruitment.

Prisoners

180 Movement for Democracy and Education (Madison, WI) \$1,000 to organize Democracy Teach-ins on 100 college campuses focusing on the prison industrial complex.

Books Through Bars (Philadelphia, PA) \$2,000 to print booklet to accompany Contexts, an exhibit of prison art seeking to show the realities of prisoners and prison life.

Campaign to End the Death Penalty (Chicago, IL) \$2,000 for organization which works to end the death penalty in the US.

Coalition for Prisoners' Rights (Santa Fe, NM) \$2,000 for organization which seeks to challenge the social and economic injustice inherent in the criminal justice system.^M

Critical Resistance (San Francisco, CA) \$2,000 to print 75,000 broadsheets about the Gang Violence and Juvenile Crime Prevention Act in order to generate public debate on youth and crime.

Families to Amend California's Three Strikes (Los Angeles, CA) \$2,000 to support the Prison Correspondence Project which enables prisoners to participate in campaigns to change the criminal justice system.

Michigan CURE (Kalamazoo, MI) \$2,000 for the National eTc (Equitable Telephone Charges) Campaign to address the high cost of prisoner-initiated telephone calls which places a burden on family members and results in multi-million dollar profits to the Corrections Departments.

Pennsylvania Abolitionists United Against the Death Penalty (Philadelphia, PA) \$2,000 for rally for Death Penalty Moratorium.

Prison Activist Resource Center (Berkeley, CA) \$2,000 for anti-racist training for group engaged in opposing the growth of the prison industrial system.

Prison and Jail Project (Americus, GA) \$2,000 for organization which challenges the corrupt and racist criminal justice system in southwest Georgia.^M

Prison Families of New York, Inc. (Albany, NY) \$2,000 for staff time for intensive outreach to prison families in order to create support groups as a model for organizing changes in the criminal justice system.

Prison Moratorium Project (New York, NY)

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\$2,000 for campaign entitled *Not with Our Money: Students Stop Prison-for-Profit* organizing students and youth to fight the expansion of for-profit-prisons.

South Dakota Peace and Justice Center (Watertown, SD) \$2,000 for the Interfaith Task Force Against the Death Penalty which seeks to build awareness in religious communities about the positions their denominations hold against the death penalty.

Southland Prison News (Cambridge, MA) \$1,000 to send brochures and information packets to prisoners and activists to change Department of Corrections policies on Hepatitis C.

Women

Aldar Ethiopian Women's Alliance (Cambridge, MA) \$2,000 to advocate for Ethiopian women and their families and works toward access to culturally appropriate services and rights.

Appalachian Women's Alliance (Floyd, VA) \$2,000 to purchase new office equipment to support a grassroots coalition of low-income and working women in Appalachia.

Association for Union Democracy-Women's Project (Brooklyn, NY) \$2,000 to democratize unions by increasing the involvement and influence of women union members.

Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Fund, Inc. (Cambridge, MA) \$2,000 to subsidize the cost of producing outreach

materials to make the organization more accessible to non-English speaking communities.

Hermanas: Sisterhood in Central America and the Caribbean (Princeton, NJ) \$1,000 for activities which will create a larger and more diverse movement of women in the US who can work to change US policy toward Cuba.

Immigrant Workers Resource Center (Boston, MA) \$2,000 to assist and enable immigrant workers to become leaders and organizers in their workplaces and communities.^M

National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League of Ohio (NARAL) (Columbus, OH) \$2,000 to develop educational materials and programming aimed at preserving women's reproductive choices.

Youth

Bill of Rights Education Project/Project Hip Hop (Boston, MA) \$2,000 to expand the focus of ACTION for Justice "education not incarceration" and to develop *Rising Times* as a Boston-area voice of youth

Houston Area Committee for Youth and Nonmilitary Opportunities (Bellaire, TX) \$500 for displays in schools to offer alternatives to military recruitment.

Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (Project YANO) (Encinitas, CA) \$2,000 for organization engaged in counter-recruitment campaigns highlighting non-military alternatives for job

training, education and community service.^M

School of Unity and Liberation (SOUL) (Oakland, CA) \$2,000 for organization which works to develop multicultural leadership development and organizing training programs for youth and to fight for affirmative action in California.^M

South Carolina Progressive Network (Columbia, SC) \$2,000 to develop a youth project that would involve young people in progressive activities.

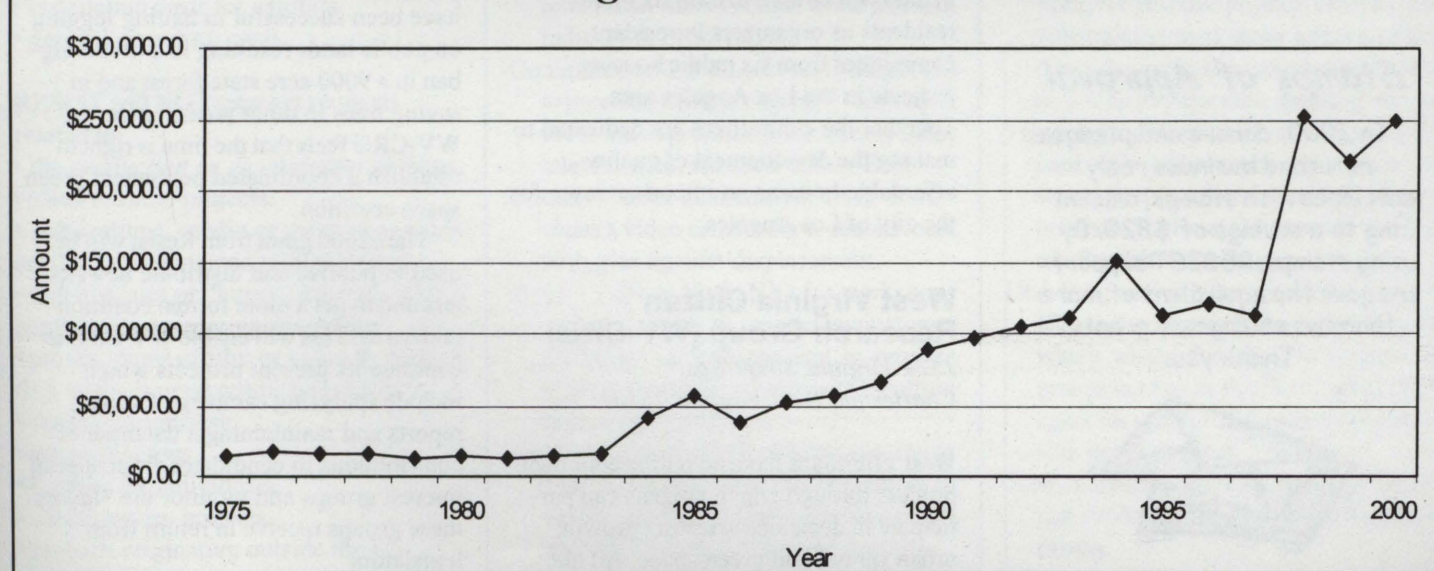
South End/Lower Roxbury Youth Alliance (Boston, MA) \$2,000 for organization which offers support and training to youth workers.

Youth Organizing Communities (Montebello, CA) \$2,000 for youth-driven organization fighting for educational justice and an end to the Prison Industrial Complex.

2000 Grantmaking Totals

Grants:	\$234,300
Loans:	\$2,000
NWTRCC:	\$5,238.30
Technical Assistance:	\$8,100.00
Number of Grants and Loans Awarded:	135
Total Grants and Loans:	\$249,638.30

Grant-Making over the Years: 1975-2000



The year 2000 also saw the departure of some long-time RESIST Board members. Louis Kampf and Paul Lauter, both RESIST founding members, decided to focus their efforts on other political campaigns. Their contributions over the past three decades to the work of the RESIST Board, their vision, passion and commitment will be irreplaceable. More recent Board member Jim Campen also left; we will miss his insight and involvement, especially his expertise in finances. We wish them all well and expect that our paths will continue to cross as we pursue our common endeavors.

New Announcements

Given these various changes, the Board held an organizational meeting in October of 2000 in order to better integrate the new members and to assess how the decision-making process could be clarified. Board members sought to help RESIST more efficiently carry out its task of providing financial support to progressive grassroots organizations around the country; and present thoughtful political analyses in the *Newsletter*. This meeting promoted greater cohesiveness among Board members and laid out a structure that will encourage greater internal initiative.

In the coming months the RESIST Board will be considering some new initiatives to enhance our ability to serve the progressive community. Two such changes have already been implemented. We have raised the budgetary cap for organizations that we will fund from the previous \$100,000 yearly operating budget to a new ceiling of \$125,000. We also increased the maximum award from \$2,000 to \$3,000. As long as we



Cascadia Wildland Project volunteer stands in front of an 800-year-old Douglas fir tree slated for logging in the Willamette National Forest. Photo by James Johnston

can continue to count on the generosity of our donors RESIST will continue to do its share to help foster the progressive awakening that we see around us.

Jorge Rogachevsky is a member of RESIST's Board of Directors and teaches Spanish and Latin American Studies at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

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\$2,000 will be used to train six more residents as organizers in resident committees from six public housing projects in the Los Angeles area. Together the committees are dedicated to making the development of quality affordable housing an important issue for the city of Los Angeles.

West Virginia Citizen Research Group (WV-CRG)

1324 Virginia Street East
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

West Virginians have no public comment process through which citizens can participate in decisions affecting growth, urban sprawl and green space. Ad hoc

groups, of which WV-CRG has been part, have been successful in halting logging on public lands resulting in a timbering ban in a 9000 acre state forest and in saving trees in other areas, however; WV-CRG feels that the time is right to establish a coordinated permanent green space coalition.

The \$2000 grant from Resist will be used to publish and distribute newsletters and to get a more formal coalition underway. This will enable WV-CRG to continue its present projects which include analyzing campaign finance reports and maintaining a database of contributions to candidates from special interest groups and monitor the "favors" these groups receive in return from legislators

Stamps of Approval

In 2000, donors and pledges returned business reply envelopes with stamps, amounting to a savings of \$820. By using stamps, RESIST supporters gave the equivalent of more than two emergency grants. Thank you.



RESIST's Media Funding Guidelines

Throughout its history, RESIST has funded a wide range of media-related projects and organizations. The radical use of the media can have a powerful impact on organizing actions for change. In making funding decisions, RESIST is willing to consider a variety of projects that look at pivotal social and economic justice issues.

RESIST prioritizes funding for cultural and/or artistic projects that are effective tools or means for organizing. Funding will be given to those projects that are not individually driven, but rather reflect a group process. The primary funding request must be for the dissemination or utilization of the resource, and the actual product will be assessed in terms of its potential impact.

As listed in the Funding Guidelines, organizations must have an annual budget of approximately \$125,000 or less. Priority will be given to groups that fall outside of mainstream funding sources because they are considered too radical.

RESIST will fund:

- the *distribution* costs of a film, video or radio project
- the purchase of video or audio equipment on a limited basis
- printing or copying costs for publications
- performances of fully developed plays or skits
- installation costs for exhibits
- general operating costs

RESIST will NOT support requests related to:

- the *production or development* of films, videos or radio projects.
- publications, media or cultural projects not directly connected to organizing.
- oral histories or "human interest" stories unrelated to organizing campaigns.
- presentations of film or video projects at film festivals or on public television.
- script development.
- travel expenses.
- funding for individuals.
- social service projects.
- projects originating outside the US

A Sample of Media-Related Grantees

Below is a partial listing of groups funded by RESIST. Full listings are available at the website: www.resistinc.org.

ALSO (Sarasota, FL) to produce a slide to be projected prior to feature films announcing support groups for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered youth.

Alternative Press Center (Baltimore, MD) for the Library Development Project which will allow public access to an index of Alternative Press articles and the Internet in order to facilitate social justice organizing.

American Friends Service Committee- TAO (Austin, TX) for distribution of a video documenting the impact of the eleven Levi Strauss plant closings and the struggles for workers rights and corporate accountability.

Appalachian Reader (Charlotte, VA) to build a larger donor/subscriber base to enable *The Appalachian Reader* to attain editorial and financial independence.

Arkansas Broadcasting Foundation (Little Rock, AK) to purchase recording equipment to train members of groups fighting for social and economic change.

Arroyo Arts Collective (Highland Park, CA) to produce an issue of their newsletter to accompany the exhibit *Without Alarm: Issues of Public and Private Security*.

Boston CISPES (Jamaica Plain, MA) for printing and postage costs of a mock mail order catalog from "Sweat Gear International" about abuses in the garment industry in El Salvador.

Committee for Labor Access (Chicago, IL) to purchase a single chip Hi-8 video camera to aid in producing the weekly cable television access show Labor Beat.

Contact Center (Cincinnati, OH) to purchase a video camcorder to record local struggles against displacement.

Dyke TV (New York, NY) for workshops and equipment to counter mainstream portrayals of lesbians and to provide trainings regarding the use of video/film as an organizing tool.

Guatemala Radio Project (Chicago, IL) to provide listeners with an alternative to mainstream information on Guatemala and other countries in Latin America.

Hard Hat Construction Magazine (San Francisco, CA) for outreach and subscription drive for nation-wide construction magazine which seeks to enable workers in the building trades to regain control of their unions.

Media Project (Portland, OR) to distribute the radio documentary series *Carefully Taught: Clashing Values in the Classroom* which explores right-wing attacks on public education.

National Network of Abortion Funds (Hadley, MA) for a booklet "Legal But Out of Reach," chronicling attempts of low-income women to access abortions.

National Radio Project (Portola Valley, CA) to distribute a progressive public affairs radio program to micro-broadcasters; and for computer equipment and staff time to increase distribution for their radio show "Making Contact."

Pickaxe Productions (Eugene, OR) to purchase video equipment to augment multi-media productions studio used by local activist groups to produce video and audio projects.

PINTIG Cultural Group (Chicago, IL) for two productions around the theme, *Breaking Barriers: Interrogating One Hundred Years of Colonialism*.

Theater of the Oppressed Laboratory (New York, NY) to build physical capacity, provide training workshops and print a brochure for radical participatory theater rooted in popular education movement.

Think Again (Jamaica Plain, MA) for postcard and sticker campaigns regarding welfare reform, homophobia in the Republican National Convention and lack of affordable housing.

Utah Progressive Network (Salt Lake City, UT) to develop and expand a web page which would link diverse progressive groups in Utah in an effort to share strategies for change and encourage leadership development.

Women's Prison Book Project for a film series exploring issues around women in prison.

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RESIST awards grants six times a year to groups throughout the United States engaged in activism for social and economic justice. In this issue of the Newsletter we list a few grant recipients from our February 2001 allocation cycle. For more information, contact the groups at the addresses below.

Radio Volta Project Independent Media Center Philadelphia

PO Box 42803

Philadelphia, PA 19101

www.phillyimc.org

Named for Voltairine De Cleyre, Philadelphia's most prominent historical anarchist, champion of civil rights, labor and women's suffrage; Radio Volta Webcast Project (RVWP) is an independent, community-based, all volunteer, collectively-run broadcast outlet in Philadelphia. It evolved from the webcast team that broadcast during the 2000 Republican Convention. During that week the audio team produced a live streaming Internet radio station, dubbed "WR2K." The live call-in line made WR2K the first to hear and pass on most of the breaking news from the streets. The studio became

the first stop for activists returning from actions or released from police custody. After the Convention, RVWP realized there was a need for ongoing non-mainstream commentary and continued broadcasting six evenings a week via streaming MP3.

Using the \$2,000 grant from RESIST, Radio Volta hopes to increase their daily coverage and purchase new equipment. Radio Volta hopes to promote the kinds of cultural, educational and news programming sorely lacking with corporate and corporate-funded "public" radio.

Southern Anti-Racism Network

PO Box 52731

Durham NC 27717

www.projectsarn.org

The labor movement in North Carolina has the lowest union density in the US. Recognizing this in 1998, SARN made it a strategic objective to build Triangle Jobs with Justice. Using a combined organizing/education strategy SARN built a multi-cultural coalition movement in support of the first anti-sweatshop procurement ordinance in the South which passed in August 2000. The success of the campaign consolidated Triangle Jobs

with Justice as a coalition of churches, unions, student groups and community based organizations in support of workers rights to organize.

Triangle's Jobs with Justice is currently active in the union organizing campaign of over 2,400 nurses at Duke University Medical Center. The nurses there work in a hostile anti-union climate prevalent in North Carolina, fueled by corporate greed and racial divisions.

Resist's grant of \$2,000 will be used to continue the development of Jobs with Justice as an inclusive coalition with the goal of changing public policy using a new campaign "Organize the South" Solidarity Campaign 2000-2002.

Union de Vecinos

PO Box 33164

Los Angeles, CA 90033

www.uniondevecinos.org

In January 1996, Union de Vecinos organized to resist unfair treatment by the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA). The housing authority gave 35 families who were residents of the Pico Aliso housing projects an insufficient amount of time to move in order to begin plans for a new community. Not only did the housing authority's new building plan displace over two thirds of Pico Aliso's residents, but it also reduced the availability of low-income housing in the neighborhood. The residents originally geared their organizing efforts to protest the loss of homes, but later realized they could develop leaders from within the community to challenge and change the housing authority's policies and improve the quality of life in their neighborhood. Union de Vecinos formed as a community-run organization based on the principles of "creating a democratic space to create solutions and empower residents to make decisions about development plans and the management of resources that exist in their community."

Over the last five years Union de Vecinos has trained 12 community residents as organizers. Resist's grant of

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